

**CHAPTER NO. 34**

**SENATE BILL NO. 207**

**By Black**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 104**

**By McDonald**

AN ACT to name that portion of new U.S. Highway 31E within the corporate limits of the Town of Westmoreland in Sumner County the "David Mandrell Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, from time to time the members of the General Assembly have honored certain citizens of this state, including law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the performance of their duties, by naming bridges or portions of highways in their honor and as a lasting memorial to their valor and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, one such courageous Tennessean was Detective David Mandrell of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department, who was killed on June 28, 1988, in rural Robertson County while working undercover on a cattle rustling investigation; and

WHEREAS, Detective Mandrell, an 11-year veteran of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department, exhibited courage and dedication of the highest order, and laid down his life on behalf of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the town council of the Town of Westmoreland, has requested that a portion of new U.S. Highway 31E within the corporate limits of Westmoreland be named in honor of David Mandrell, who was raised and educated in Westmoreland, as a lasting memorial to this brave and dedicated law enforcement officer, and the Board of Commissioners of Sumner County has endorsed this request, and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly heartily concurs with such proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, that portion of new U.S. Highway 31E within the corporate limits of the Town of Westmoreland in Sumner County is hereby designated as the "David Mandrell Memorial Highway".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs designating that portion of new U.S. Highway 31E within the corporate limits of the Town of Westmoreland in Sumner County as the "David

Mandrell Memorial Highway". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with § 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 4, 2005**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR